

ABSTRACT

An anti-microbial composition comprising:

- 5 (i) a  $C_1$  to  $C_4$  monohydric alcohol carrier fluid,  
present at a level of at least 25% by weight of the  
total composition (excluding any volatile propellant  
present);
- (ii) an iron (III) chelator having an iron (III)  
binding constant of  $10^{23}$  or greater;
- 10 (iii) a solubility promoter selected from the group  
consisting of:
  - (a) water;
  - (b) an organic amine;
  - (c) a polyhydric alcohol or derivative thereof;
  - 15 (d) a volatile propellant having fluorine-carbon  
or oxygen-carbon bonds;
  - (e) any combination of (a) to (d).

The transitional metal chelator serves as an active anti-  
20 microbial, whilst the carrier fluid-solubility promoter  
mixture enables the formation of a stable composition.  
Preferred compositions are homogeneous solutions.